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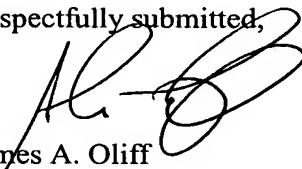
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- 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references A-E are attached hereto.
- 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References A-D.
- 6. JP-A-58-140468 corresponds to EP 0 086 494.
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